

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 1. This sheet, which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1. Applicants' Preliminary Amendment dated December 20, 2004, submitted an Annotated Figure 1 in which --PRIOR ART-- was inserted. Our records indicate that no Replacement Sheet was submitted at that time. Applicants are submitting herewith a Replacement Sheet incorporating the legend --PRIOR ART-- to Figure 1.

Attachment: Replacement Sheet (1)

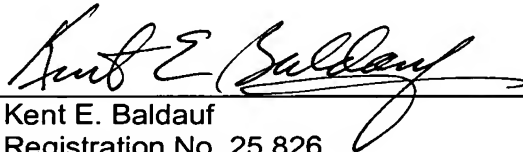
REMARKS

Claims 1-34 are currently pending in this application and subject to restriction. Applicants have elected the species shown in Figures 6a-16 encompassing claims 8-25. Claims 1-7 and 26-34 have been withdrawn as being drawn to non-elected species.

Applicants have amended the specification to correct minor translational and/or grammatical errors. The title has also been amended in light of the instant election of claims 8-25 directed to a welding wire container. No new matter has been added. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,
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